Provisions Act, 1955 in regard to interim rates of wages are still awaited. As soon as the recommendations are received, they will be considered by Government under Section 13A of the Act. Government have already requested the Wage Boards to expedite their recommendations.

Payments to workers of Rohtas Industries Limited, Dalmia Nagar

*138. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Rohtas Industries Limited, Dalmia Nagar has not so far paid the salaries and wages due to their 15000 workers from May, 1984;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Supreme Court has directed the management of the company to pay the salaries and dues to the workers; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to see that the directives of the Supreme Court are complied with without any delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir. According to information received from the Government of Bihar, Management of M|s. Rohtas Industries Limited. Dalmia Nagar has not paid wages to workers from May, 1984.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. In its order dated the 5-2-1986, the Supreme Court has directed the Management to pay all salaries and wages due to workers from May, 1984 in three instalments, the first before March 15. 1986, the second before May 15, 1986 and the third before July 15, 1986. According to information received from the Government of Bihar, the Management has been directed to make the payment as per the directive of the Supreme Court. The Chief Inspector of Factories has been asked to supervise the payment and send weekly reports regarding progress in making payments.

Import of natural and synthetic rubber

*139. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for importing synthetic and natural rubber into the country during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) what was the estimated demand for rubber during the above period in the country;

(c) what was the production of rubber during the above period;

(d) what was the comparative shortfall during the said period, year-wise; and

(e) whether any memorandum has been received by Government against the import of rubber?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (d) Imports of natural and synthe-